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Honorable James Abourezk, Chairman
Subcommittee on Administrative
Practice and Procedure
Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I have received your letter of 28 November 1977 concerning the status of this Agency's response to Senator James Eastland's request for views on S. 1720 and S. 1721. I am pleased that your Subcommittee desires to include this Agency's views in its deliberations on the bills. Pursuant to the requirements of OMB Circular A-19 for the coordination of agency reports, we have forwarded a report to the Office of Management and Budget for their review and coordination. I trust that this process will be completed before January 1978, so that these views will be available to your Subcommittee during its consideration of the bills. If it appears that this will not be the case, be assured that I will notify you.

Yours sincerely,

STANSFIELD TURNER

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: George L. Cary
Legislative Counsel
SUBJECT: Views Letter on S. 1720 and S. 1721, Bills That
Would Amend the Administrative Procedure Act

1. (U) Action Requested: That you sign the attached revised views letter on the subject bills. The letter will then be transmitted to OMB for clearance before being sent to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary. That you sign the attached response to Senator Abourezk's inquiry.

2. (U) Background: On 20 July 1977 this office received a letter over the signature of Senator Eastland, Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, asking for the Agency's views on S. 1720 and S. 1721, bills which would amend the Administrative Procedure Act. Administrative Law is a complex subject area, and a good deal of discussion was required before an Agency position was reached. A proposed views letter was transmitted to OMB for clearance on 18 September 1977.

(U) Because of the complexities involved, OMB has had difficulties reaching a coordinated Administration position on the bills. This office was in touch with OMB on several occasions concerning the status of our views letter. On 16 November 1977, OMB asked that we take another look at the letter. After more discussions with concerned Agency components, the position reflected in the revised letter was reached.

(U/IUO) OMB has informed us that the Judiciary Committee was advised that OMB was holding up all views letters on S. 1720 and S. 1721, pending determination of a coordinated Administration position. Senator Abourezk's letter received by this office on 2 December appears to be an attempt to pressure OMB into an answer. The OMB staffer in charge of the bills has told us that responses will be forwarded to the Committee by 1 January 1978.

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3. (U) Staff Position: The position in the revised views letter has been coordinated with OGC, DDA, Procurement Management Staff/Office of Logistics and the Office of Development and Engineering.

4. (U/IUO) Recommendation: That you sign the attached revised views letter and response to Senator Abourezk. We will, of course, be in touch with OMB; and, if they indicate the views letter will be delayed, we will so inform Senator Abourezk.

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George L. Cary

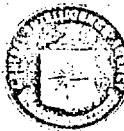
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Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Legislative Counsel

George:

1. Attached is exactly the kind of letter none of us wanted to receive. Only last week, based on information from your staff, I briefed the Director that while there were eight (8) unanswered letters from the Chairmen of various committees which requested comment on legislation, all related staffs--yours, the Chairmen's, and OMB were aware that work was proceeding and a timely response was not expected. Apparently this is not the case. Chairman Abourezk asks for a DCI response no later than 1 January.
2. I ask that you provide the Director an interim report on the status as soon as possible. Also, please provide a letter of acknowledgement for the Director's signature.

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Executive Secretary

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November 28, 1977

Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
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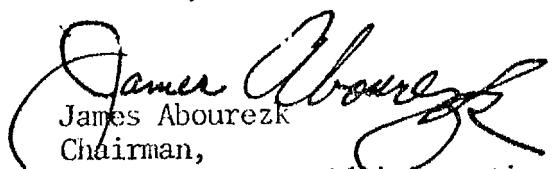
Dear Admiral Turner:

By letter of July 13, 1977, from Chairman James Eastland, your agency was requested to comment on S. 1720 and S. 1721. As of this date, no response to this request has been received by the Judiciary Committee.

As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure, to which these bills have been referred, I request that your report on these bills be submitted no later than January 1, 1978. The Subcommittee plans to hold hearings at that time and will need to review your comments.

Thank you very much for your assistance.

Sincerely,


James Abourezk
Chairman,
Subcommittee on Administrative
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COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

July 12, 1977

Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director, Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

The Judiciary Committee is herewith transmitting S.1720 and S.1721 for your study and report thereon in triplicate. A statement describing the provisions of these bills is enclosed for your reference.

To facilitate the work of the Committee, it is urgently requested that your report be submitted within 20 days. The Committee should be formally advised in writing if any delay beyond this time period is necessary.

Most sincerely yours,

James O. Eastland
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Chairman, Judiciary Committee

Enclosures

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